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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN RHODESIA: CHICKEREMA PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. AT PRESS BRIEFING AT UN, AFTERNOON JUNE 3, JAMES CHICKEREMA, MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ZIMBABWE (ANC), CONDEMNED "SMEAR CAMPAIGN" IN US AND ELSEWHERE AGAINST EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA ON BEHALF OF ANC. HE NOTED THAT FOUR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD MET IN LUSAKA IN DECEMBER 1974 AND DECIDED TO UNITE UNDER UMBRELLA OF ANC. HE ADDED THAT DISSIDENT MEMBERS OF ZIMBABWEAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS IN US BEGAN TO STIR UP TROUBLE AGAINST ANC, MENTIONING T.MAURE, WHO GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 21 IN NEW YORK AND SPREAD FALSE INFORMATION, BUT WHO DOES NOT SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ANY ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION, AND A FORMER PRESIDENT OF A LIBERATION MOVEMENT WHO ON MAY 10 "CAST A SHADOW ON THE REAL ANC LIBERATION MOVEMENT." CHICKEREMA SAID THAT "OUR ARMED STRUGGLE HAS BEEN CON-

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SOLIDATED," AND ANC IS READY TO MOVE AGAINST SMITH REGIME

IF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS DON'T WORK. NEIGHBORING STATES OF ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA HAVE, HE SAID, INDICATED THEY WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR UNIFIED ANC LIBERATION MOVEMENT. CHICKEREMA PRAISED KAUNDA FOR HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANCE. HE ADDED THAT ANC SUPPORTED KAUNDA'S EFFORTS TO FIND CRIMINALS WHO HAD KILLED SOME 150 ZIMBABWEANS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT A DR. TADERERA, CALLING HIMSELF DR. MARMDA, WHO HELD MEETING IN CANADA TO ANNOUNCE FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN TO DEFEND THE CRIMINALS WHO KILLED THE 155 (SIC) ZIMBABWEANS, IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANC AND THAT "THIS IS AGAINST ANC WISHES."

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON SHOOTINGS OVER THE WEEKEND IN SALISBURY, CHICKEREMA SAID THAT THIS IS THE WAY IAN SMITH ALWAYS DEALS WITH BLACK PEOPLE; "HE WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE HE IS IN CHARGE OF THE SITUATION. HE WANTS TO FORCE AFRICANS TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT."
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